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## THE J. E. JONES LETTER

### WABBLING ON THE BONUS

There is a conspicuous lack of starch in the Congressional support of the soldiers' bonus. In fact the soldiers' bonus has become a sort of ghost that jumps out from dark corners on black nights and scares certain Congressmen out of their boots. President Harding insists that the only way to "get the money" for the bonus is by reenacting the sales taxes. Congressmen have lived through the sales tax period, and most of them seem to think that the country would have to be chloroformed to stand for it again.

The American Legion is pressing its campaign for the bonus, and Commander MacNider is insistent on speedy action. Congress is pretty well divided between those who believe in it and those who want it killed. Class three is likewise numerous, and consists of Congressmen whose districts are close and who are willing to do the "popular thing" on the soldiers' bonus, or any other "old thing" that will make them votes.

The President insists that if Congress passes the bonus bill that it must provide the money to pay for it. So far every proposal to raise this money has met with stern disapproval from the White House. Congress is like the man who mortgaged his house and land, his crops and machinery, his livestock and household furniture, and then was prevented from placing his wife and children in escrow. "That is the fix we are in," Congress is telling the ex-servicemen. To which the Legion replies: "You are talking bunk. If Congress wanted to have a billion to fight with, the money would be raised in a week. You can do the same thing in this bonus matter." Strange differences of opinion like this are not unusual in Washington.

### BONUS LIKELY TO BE DEFERRED

It must not be inferred that the Congressmen who "spooks" whenever the bonus is mentioned are all in favor of the legislation. Far from it! The very fact that they are uncertain results in all of the opposing forces centering their influence upon them. The opposition to the soldiers' bonus is tremendous. The greatest argument of this opposition is that taxes are too high. Thousands of people who are in the midst of figuring out their income taxes are dropping their problems long enough to write to their Congressmen to demand retrenchment and lower taxes. In fact a majority of the people outside of those who will gain direct benefits from the bonus are opposing the legislation. The wily-nilly Congressman figures out that some of these opponents of the measure will forgive him if he votes for the bonus, but the ex-servicemen never will. And so "wily-nilly" is apt to be found with the supporter who is for the bonus because he believes in it. The power of the two elements is almost—but not quite—enough to put through a bonus bill. However the big "but" is unanswered—"But, where is the money coming from?" All other assets having been pledged, the bonus supporters have suggested the proceeds from the foreign debts. "But," again, these are indeed shadowy millions, and it is very doubtful whether they could be depended upon for so good a purpose as a bonus.

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## MRS. MARY POOLE YOUNG

Last Saturday morning Mrs. Mary Poole Young passed quietly away at her home in Skillington, Bethel, after an illness of three months. During all these weeks of weakness and suffering she entertained the hope of recovering to stay with her children a few years longer. She was cheerful and bared her illness with wonderful courage. She was a woman of warm sympathy and one to whom neighbors and friends could go for comfort sure of receiving help and sympathy. She was a member of the Mother's Club and always ready to serve where she was needed.

Mrs. Young was born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Jan. 1, 1867, the daughter of Charles and Maggie Wilson Poole. She married Lewis Young who is on the Pacific Coast. She is also survived by three daughters, Mrs. James Spianey, Mrs. Clarence Judkins and Miss Florence Young who is a senior at Gould's Academy, also two sons, William and Archie. She has left an aged mother, her father having passed away last July, two sisters, Maggie who lives on the Pacific Coast, and Mrs. Sarah Lapham of Oxford, four brothers, Thomas Poole and William Poole of Oxford, Jack Poole of Bethel and Archie Poole of Oakland, Me., and three grandchildren to whom she was devoted.

A most devoted mother, a kind neighbor, will be missed and many friends extend the warmest sympathy to the children and relatives.

The funeral was held in the Sunday School room in Mr. J. P. Skillings' home. The beautiful flowers from Mr. and Mrs. Skillings, the men and women at the mill and from the family, relatives, neighbors and friends were silent testimony to the respect and love in which she was held. Rev. W. C. Curtis, a former pastor of the Congregational church, gave a well deserved tribute to her devotion to her family and her loyalty to her duty, and the willing service she rendered. Her four brothers acted as bearers and she was laid to rest in Woodlawn Cemetery.

## GRANGE NEWS

### BETHEL GRANGE

Bethel Grange held its regular session, March 2d. The ladies served supper as usual.

The Worthy Master called to order at about 7:30. Opened in form. Minutes of last meeting read and approved. All the officers were present, with the exception of the Steward and Flora. We balloted on four candidates.

The secretary read one application for membership. Conferred the third and fourth degrees on one candidate. Literary program:

Song, "Battle Cry of Freedom"  
Questions: Is there any way of cutting down expenses in the town? Discussed by Pauline Mason, Anna Kimball and Supt. Russell.

Lecturer's report of Lecturers' Conference at Augusta. A very good report. Closed in form.

The next meeting, March 16.

### LONE MT. GRANGE

Lone Mt. Grange held an interesting meeting, Saturday, Feb. 25, with a baked bean and pastry dinner served at noon. At the afternoon session the program included a song by the Grange; a paper, in what way would it help the schools if the School Board had more authority? by Mrs. Alice Thurston; What I think of the District Supt. plan? Mrs. Olive Akers; Should we form a Parent-Teachers' Association? Mrs. Nora Crossman; Music, Hazel Mills; What the Grange can do to improve the school? J. F. Talbot, R. M. Bailey, W. W. Perkins, Mrs. Sylvanus Poor; Song, Mrs. Nora Crossman.

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## NOTICE

I wish to announce that I shall be a candidate for Postmaster, when the proper time arrives, and will appreciate any assistance my friends and patrons of Bethel Post Office may give me.

J. B. HUTCHINS.

## TOWN MEETINGS

### BETHEL

Monday was a good day for town meeting and a large number took advantage of the warm day and turned out to help do the town's business. The meeting was started promptly at ten o'clock by Town Clerk Wesley Wheeler. The first article in the warrant, to choose a Moderator to preside at the meeting, was a contest with H. H. Hastings winning over H. D. Thurston, by a vote of 81 to 64. The next contest was for Road Commissioner, F. A. Brown winning by a vote of 225 to 64 over L. U. Bartlett. The article relative to wages for the Road Commissioner was discussed and it was voted to pay him \$5.00, the town to pay his expenses.

Two candidates appeared for the office of Tax Collector, F. B. Hall being the winner. The rate for collecting was fixed at 1%.

Articles 32 to 37, inclusive, relating to the building of schoolhouses at West Bethel and South Bethel was favorably voted upon. West Bethel is to have a two-room schoolhouse, the amount appropriated being \$4,500, 1-3 to be assessed this year. South Bethel is to have a \$2,000 building, 1-3 to be assessed this year.

The following is a list of the officers elected for the ensuing year:

Moderator—H. H. Hastings.  
Clerk—Wesley Wheeler.  
1st Selectman—F. A. Brown.  
2nd Selectman—W. H. Thurston.  
3rd Selectman—F. B. Howe.  
Treasurer—D. G. Brooks.  
School Com.—Maud L. Thurston.  
Tax Collector—F. B. Hall.  
Road Commissioner—F. A. Brown.  
Auditor—C. K. Fox.  
Budget Committee—F. A. Brown, W. H. Thurston, F. B. Howe, F. E. Russell, J. F. Tyler, F. L. Edwards, Paul Thurston, A. F. Chapman, F. P. Bean, Mrs. Herman Mason, Mrs. Wm. Garey, Mrs. Mary Kimball.

**Appropriations.**  
Common Schools, \$3,500.00  
Tuition, Secondary Schools, 4,000.00  
Text-books, 320.00  
Repair of Schoolhouses, 500.00  
School Supplies, 350.00  
Roads and Bridges, 6,500.00  
Winter Roads and Overexpensiture, 1,200.00  
State-aid Road Improvement, 600.00  
State and State-aid Patrol, 940.00  
Support of Poor and Overexpensiture, 2,100.00  
Town Officers, 2,000.00  
Town and Interest, 423.00  
Memorial Day, 50.00  
Collector's Bond, 12.50  
Treasurer's Bond, 25.00  
Schoolhouse at West Bethel, appropriation \$4,500, 1-3 to be assessed, 1,500.00  
Schoolhouse at South Bethel, appropriation \$2,000, 1-3 to be assessed this year, 666.67  
Miscellaneous Expenses, 500.00  
Bethel Library Association, 300.00  
New Guide Boards, 100.00  
Rent for National Guard, 225.00

### NEWRY

Moderator—L. E. Wight.  
Clerk—Susan Wight.  
1st Selectman—L. E. Wight.  
2nd Selectman—S. P. Davis.  
3rd Selectman—Roland Fleet.  
Treasurer—Susan Wight.  
School Committee—A. G. Eames.  
Tax Collector—H. M. Keadall.  
Road Commissioners—B. L. Foster and B. W. Eaman.

**Appropriations**  
Roads and Bridges, \$2,300  
State Road, 1,000  
Winter Roads, 500  
Common Schools, 2,000  
Repair of Schoolhouses, 350

### NORWAY

Moderator—H. B. Foster.  
Clerk—W. O. Conary.  
1st Selectman—G. F. Hathaway.  
Treasurer—R. S. Dickford.  
Auditor—L. M. Carroll.  
School Com.—B. G. McIntire.  
Tax Collector—E. C. Libby.  
Road Commissioners—H. S. Lovejoy, A. A. Towne, E. S. Abbott.

**Appropriations**  
Roads and Bridges, \$7,000  
State Road, 4,320  
Road Maintenance, 800  
Winter Roads, 4,000  
Support of Poor, 2,500  
Common Schools, 1,000  
Repair of Schoolhouses, 1,000  
Books and Supplies, 1,000  
High School Support, 7,000  
Memorial Day, 75  
Contingent Expenses, 2,500  
Cement Sidewalks, 500  
Auditor, 3,000  
Public Library, 800  
Agricultural Course, 700  
Music and Drawing, 850

### RUMFORD

Another year has passed, and on Monday of this week, March 6, the voters of the town of Rumford again gathered at the Municipal Building for the annual town meeting. A bright spring like day greeted them, and a large crowd filled the hall, especially during the morning hours, to vote on the 56 articles contained in the town warrant. After the reading of the warrant by the Town Clerk, A. E. Stearns was chosen Moderator of the meeting, and proved very able for the position. The choosing of the Selectmen of the town for the coming year brought out the greatest contest of the meeting, as for first Selectman there were three applicants for the office, namely, Fred W. Davis, Oliver A. Pettengill and Harrie P. Hall, the voting resulting in 532 votes for Davis, 306 for Harrie Hall and 121 for Oliver Pettengill. Mr. Davis securing the office, and again serving the town in the position which he has held for the past five or six consecutive years. Mr. Orlene Filiault, having no opposition, was elected as 2nd Selectman, and for third Selectman the choice between Thatcher Goddard of Rumford Centre and Irving Cole of Rumford Point resulted in favor of Thatcher Goddard with 543 votes and Cole with 375 votes. For town Treasurer the choice lay between Frelaud Martin, who has been town Treasurer for the past thirty years, and Mrs. Amy Lyon, the voting resulting in 443 votes for Mrs. Lyon and 299 votes for Mr. Martin. The choice for other town officers remained the same as for last year, Mr. William Cyr being again chosen as Tax Collector with the same rate for collecting, and Mr. Charles O. Dunton re-elected as Town Clerk. Miss Susan Martin was again elected to the School Board for a term of three years, and the annual compensation for the Board was raised from \$75 to \$100.

The election of officers was disposed of during the morning hours, the afternoon being devoted to the appropriations for the various activities of the town. In round numbers, \$169,000 was the amount of the total appropriations for the coming year, a little more than \$28,000 of that sum to be devoted to the schools of the town. Some discussion was brought up in regard to the articles relating to the roads and streets of the town, together with the road commissioner, and rather a lengthy discussion came about relative to a new bridge in place of the present foot bridge. Nearly all of the other articles of the warrant were voted on in accordance with the recommendations as suggested by the Committee of Fifteen. It was voted to still retain a Committee of Fifteen to look over and make suggestions and recommendations in regard to the warrant for another year, and the meeting closed about 3:30 in the afternoon, with a suggestion from the Moderator to the voters of the town that they think over the idea of taking up a somewhat different way of electing their town officers in the future, to the effect that the residents of the town residing far distant from the village may not have to come to the city building to cast their vote, and also that the people whose business of the day prevents them from being present at town meeting may have some opportunity provided them whereby they may vote for their desired candidates, in other words, somewhat on the idea of a State or National election, and yet, too, not dispensing, any more than is necessary, with the old town meeting form of government.

### PARIS

Moderator—Walter L. Gray.  
Clerk—Robert W. Wheeler.  
Selectmen—O. K. Clifford, A. D. Andrews, Mark P. Shaw.  
Treasurer—Charles H. Howard.  
Collector—Harry M. Shaw.  
Road Commissioners—Fred S. Bennett, Scott O. Colby, Charles B. Briggs.  
S. S. Committee—W. M. Whitten.

**Appropriations.**  
Common Schools, \$10,000.00  
High School, 10,000.00  
Text-books, 2,000.00  
School Repairs, 2,100.00  
School Insurance, etc., 2,500.00  
Support of Poor, 1,200.00  
Snow Sills, 2,000.00  
Roads and Bridges, 9,000.00  
Salary of Supt. of Schools, 1,200.00  
Interest on Funds, 800.00  
Town Officers' Bills, 2,500.00  
Miscellaneous Account, 6,000.00  
Maintenance State aid road, 500.00  
School Flags and Poles, 25.00  
Repair West Paris School-house, 500.00  
School Improvement League, 500.00  
High School Library, 100.00  
Highway Bonds, 2,000.00

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## BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mrs. Sidney Jodrey was in Norway, Tuesday.

Mrs. Annie Willey returned from Boston, Friday.

Mr. S. S. Greenleaf was in Lewiston on business, Tuesday.

Mrs. Ida Douglass is spending a few days in Norway, visiting relatives.

Mr. Chester Howe was the guest of friends at East Bethel over the weekend.

Mrs. Albert Eames has been spending a few days in Lewiston with her daughter, Miss Alice Eames.

Dr. Twaddle was home from Lewiston, Monday, for the day, and reported his little son, John, as improving.

Mrs. Effie Hall is home from Portland for a few days, after which she will return for a stay of a few weeks.

Charles and Francis Peabody of Shelburne, N. H., were over the week end guests of their aunt, Mrs. Fred Adams.

Mrs. Elta Bartlett of East Bethel was the week end guest of her sister, Mrs. Octavia Bean at the home of Mrs. Edmund Merrill.

Mr. Arthur Brinck had the misfortune to injure his thumb at the Merrill, Springer Co. mill one day last week, and is unable to work.

Mrs. G. P. Bean and Miss Annie Hamilton, who have been spending the winter at Maple Inn, have returned to their home on Church street.

The rains of Sunday and Tuesday made the snow disappear rapidly. The roads outside the village are almost impassable in some places.

Miss Ernestine Philbrook, who has been spending a week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Philbrook, has returned to her school at Amesbury, Mass.

Mr. Max Woodrow, who has been acting as clerk at Maple Inn for several months, completed his duties there Saturday and returned to his home in Colebrook, N. H., Sunday, where he expects to do some mason work.

Friends of little Ernest Blake, who went to the Maine General Hospital in Portland two weeks ago, will be pleased to know that he has so far recovered from his operation for mastoids as to be able to have his throat operated on by the last of this week.

Mrs. A. Verville and Mrs. Carl C. Dudley were entertained at the luncheon given by the Rotary Club of Portland in honor of Sir Harry Lauder. Messdames Verville and Dudley attended Sir Harry's program at Keith's Theater, Saturday evening.

Miss Wilma Hall celebrated her seventh birthday Friday, March 3. Sixteen friends were present and the afternoon was spent in playing games. Ice cream and cake were served, also a birthday cake from her grandparents. Mrs. Hall was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. C. W. Hall.

## NOTICE

There will be a Public Whist Party at the Grange Hall, Friday, March 10th, 1922. Admission 25c. Come, even if not a Granger. For the benefit of the Grange.

## GOULD'S ACADEMY

The girls basketball team journeyed to Berlin, N. H., last Saturday where they played the Berlin High School girls at the Y. M. C. A. building. It was a very interesting game. Both teams were well matched, and the score was tied until the last few minutes of the second period. The Berlin girls proved themselves royal entertainers and certainly gave the Gould's girls a pleasant time. The line-up was as follows:

**GOULD'S**  
M. Hancorn, rf.,  
N. Humphrey, lf.,  
E. Eaman, cf.,  
H. Brooks, c.,  
A. Mundt, g.,  
C. Kimball, g.,  
B. Marshall, lg.,  
Field Goals: E. Eaman, N. Humphrey, St. Pierre 2, McKelvey 3. Goals from Fouls: M. Hancorn 3, E. Eaman 1, N. Humphrey 1, McKelvey 3. Final score, 13 to 8.

## GENTLEMEN'S NIGHT

"What matter how the (K)night be-haved!"  
What matter how the north wind raved!"

The genial atmosphere, within overcame the elements without, and the lure of the feast drew twenty Sir Knights with their ladies to Bethel Inn on Tuesday evening. The occasion was the banquet given by the ladies in return for the one previously given them.

Several weeks of planning and secret meetings added excitement, and the looked for things that did not happen made the evening one of the jolliest affairs of the year. You are sure to have a good time at Bethel Inn and it is only a case of making each a little better than the last, and this was no exception.

After the banquet dancing was enjoyed.

Those present were:  
Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Edwards,  
Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Garey,  
Mr. and Mrs. H. O. Rowe,  
Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Brooks,  
Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Lyon,  
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. King,  
Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Chapman,  
Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Tibbette,  
Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Thurston,  
Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hall,  
Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Sawyer,  
Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Brown,  
Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Conroy,  
Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Fox,  
Mr. A. C. Frost,  
Miss Dorris Frost,  
Mr. I. L. Carver,  
Mrs. Ella Maussfield,  
Mr. P. B. Merrill,  
Miss Harriet Merrill,  
Mr. Ernest Bisbee,  
Miss Ethel Philbrick,  
Mr. W. J. Douglas,  
Mrs. Edna Hall,  
Rev. J. H. Little,  
Mrs. J. S. Burbank.

## CHAPMAN CONCERT

Prof. W. R. Chapman brought his New York artists to Bethel last Saturday, and they certainly were up to all that has been said of them. Mr. Chapman has brought a good many groups of stars to Bethel, but the ones who visited Bethel last Saturday afternoon were ahead of anything that he has ever brought here before.

Gabriel Engel, the violinist, was the best that has ever been heard in Bethel. Julia Floyd's beautiful voice was thoroughly enjoyed, and the audience was generous in their applause of this charming young singer. Everett Bishop was all that Mr. Chapman said he was, his voice having a wide range, and as clear as low F. as higher.

Mr. Chapman deserves the thanks of the entire community for his generosity in bringing this troupe of artists to Bethel.

The following program was given:

Variations on Theme Von Correll,  
Tartini, Kreisler,  
Capriccio—Valse, Wieniawski, Op. 7  
Gabriel Engel

Love's in My Heart,  
H. Huntington Woodman

Down in Maine, by request,  
W. B. Chapman

The Little Damsel, Ivor Novello  
The Wind's in the South,  
John Prindle Scott

Julia Floyd  
Ernan, Infelice, Aria,  
Verdi

Negro Spiritual,  
Everett Bishop  
Schero-Tarantelle,  
Wieniawski

Whispering Vows,  
Mama Zucca  
The Rosary,  
Novin

Duetts by  
Julia Floyd and Everett Bishop

Danny Deever,  
Damrosch  
Sylvia,  
Oley Speaks

Tommy Lad,  
E. J. Margatson  
Rolling Down to Rio,  
German

Everett Bishop  
Caro Nome, Aria,  
Verdi

Julia Floyd  
Siciliano,  
Kreiser  
Aller Seelen,  
Schubert-Engel

Gypsy Airs,  
Sarasate  
Ave Maria,  
Bach-Gounod

Julia Floyd  
(Violin Obligato by Gabriel Engel)  
Grand Duett from Rigoletto, "Tutto la festa al templo,"  
Verdi

Julia Floyd and Everett Bishop  
(Violin Obligato by Gabriel Engel)

**PARENT-TEACHER MEETING**  
Don't forget the Parent-Teacher meeting next Monday night. The committee for the evening, Mrs. A. Van Don Karckhoven, Miss Whittier and Dr. Twaddle, plan an evening of accomplishments for the benefit of the Association. A general round table of progressive subjects will have prominent place during the evening. Come.



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40 pairs Men's Brown Calf Boots, narrow toe, these were at one time sold for \$13.00, our price now \$3.95

A large lot Men's medium weight work shoes, very soft and comfortable, were \$7.50, now \$3.95.

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SOUTH PARIS, MAINE

### RUMFORD

Special Lenten services are being held at St. Barnabas church on every Friday evening at 7:30 o'clock during Lent. Miss Jane Murray, employed at the office of the Oxford mill, is recovering nicely from a recent operation performed at the McCarty Hospital.

Miss Christobel LaCourse, Rumford High School, class of 1919, is at the McCarty Hospital, where she has undergone an operation for appendicitis.

Mrs. George Gates and daughter, Norma, have moved out of the Griffin house on Baldwin Terrace, Mrs. Gates having completed her duties there as housekeeper on March 1st. Mrs. Gates and daughter are now occupying the Bower's house on Penobscot street, in the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Bowers in the south, and will there remain until Mrs. Gates leaves for Boston the middle of the month, to take up her duties in a private family in that city. Miss Norma has taken a room with Miss Caroline Kenniston in the Majestic Apartments and will remain in Rumford for the present.

The sum of about \$250 was realized at the benefit concert given at the Majestic Theatre about a week ago for the family of Robert Nesbitt on the Lathams road.

At a recent meeting held by the soccer enthusiasts of this vicinity, it was decided to have a soccer team, whether or not Rumford is a member of the circuit now under consideration. A representative is to be sent from here to a meeting to be held in Portland on March 11. The following officers were elected: President, Thomas McMaster; vice president, Arthur Campbell; secretary, James Robertson; treasurer, Guy Homer; executive committee, Thomas McGraw, Matthew Miles, James Turnbull, Thomas McMaster and James Robertson.

The basketball team of Napoleon Outlets Post of the American Legion is out with a challenge to the K. of G. basketball team, and would like to play the Knights a series of three games. On the Legion team would be such men as Harry Raff, Scott Richardson, Jeff Thomas, Clarence Todd, Alphey Poulin, and others. George Kilgore is manager of the team, and is anxious that the manager of the K. of G. communicate with him if the challenge is accepted.

The report of Rumford Public Library for the month of February shows: books lent for home use, 1871; attendance in reading room, 1608; new members registered, 53; cash receipts, \$14.21; \$12.57 taken for fines, and \$1.64 taken in on rental books. Two valuable gifts recently presented to the Library are the World's Work, unbound numbers, 1905 to 1921, presented by Mrs. C. S. Osgood, and a file of the National Geographic from 1905 to 1919, presented by Miss Norma Gates.

Napoleon Outlets Post of the American Legion are planning to have a real old time celebration to be held in Rumford on July Fourth next. They believe in getting an early start on such a programme which shall include baseball games, sports of all kinds, parades with floats of all descriptions, etc. It is hoped that Attorney Albert Bellevue may be induced to act as general chairman of the celebration.

Miss Virginia Pearson, little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Pearson, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Turner, of Rochester, N. H.

The Searchlight Club are planning a food sale for some date later in the month.

Mr. and Mrs. Jill Arsenault have been engaged by the Oxford Paper Company to occupy the Martin Griffin residence on Baldwin Terrace, and to act as chef and housekeeper for the company's guests. Mr. Arsenault was formerly chef at the Elks.

The marriage of Romeo Turgeon and Edith May Henry took place last week at St. John Church, Rev. Father Bolivia officiating. The witnesses were Stephen Henry and Ephraim Henry. Another wedding of last week at the same church was that of Arthur Pitts and Alice Berrouard, the witnesses being Arthur Berrouard and Eddie Arsenault. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Morriss are in Myrtle, Conn., called there by the serious illness of Mr. Morriss's son, Chester Morriss.

The St. Pierre Brothers, Arthur and Urie, will open an up-to-date meat and fish market on River street in the store formerly occupied by John Botman. The date of the opening is to be announced later.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean H. Tardiff are being congratulated upon the birth of a son, who has been named Joseph Edward Leopold.

Glendon W. Stephens has taken the agency for a wireless outfit, and by the use of one, you can enjoy the music of a concert being staged many miles away. A demonstration will be given, the date of which will be announced later, showing the merits and wonderful work of this apparatus.

Mrs. Robert Ladd and children from Rockwood are visiting Mr. Ladd's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Ladd. They will also visit Mrs. Ladd's parents, Mrs. John Keene of South Rumford. Mr. Ladd is working for the American Realty Company at Rockwood.

At a business meeting of the Searchlight Club it was voted to try out the

plan of furnishing milk to school children, beginning this month, with the Chisholm School. The milk is to be served to the children at the forenoon recess. Those children who can, are to pay three cents a glass for the milk, but those who cannot are to have the milk just the same. This is the second town in Maine to try this novel experiment for the better health of the tiny school children.

The marriage of Frank Edward Capen and Elen Victoria Elchel both of this town took place this week.

The Universalist boys made about \$80 from their supper last week. This sum is to help defray expenses to the Boys' Conference.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. House, nee Mary E. Wyman, formerly of Rumford, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a son, born at Wesson Maternity Hospital, Springfield.

Mr. and Mrs. Morris Greenman are in New York this week selecting the latest styles in the ladies ready made apparel, also for men, boys and children. Charles Levin of the Charles Levin Company is also in New York this week buying goods.

Word has been received in town of the death in Albany, N. Y., of Mrs. George C. Riggs, mother of Mrs. Martin L. Griffin, formerly of Rumford. Mrs. Riggs has many times been a guest of her daughter here in town, and had met many Rumford people.

Mrs. Dorothy McKen Roderick, a graduate of the Farmington State Normal School, has accepted the position as teacher of Domestic Science in the Rumford High School, to succeed Miss Fenne Ross who has accepted a position in the Deering High School.

The basketball squad of Rumford High School has been picked as one of the eight high school teams of the State to compete in the Bates Interscholastic Tournament.

The Oxford Paper Company has purchased the interests of the Rumford Falls Power Company, and the Rumford Falls Realty Company, and they will all be under one control. There will be no change whatsoever in the present operations of the Company. As to the purchase of the power plant, it was stated that this would assure the Oxford Paper Company a sufficient supply of power and water for the Company's present and future needs. The Rumford Falls Power Company owns and operates the entire electric and hydroelectric developments in this town, including a modern hydroelectric plant, with a present installed capacity of 31,000 horse power.

Mr. Clinton Dexter, who has directed the Third Maine Infantry Band, and has been the leader of Dexter's orchestra here in town, left this week to take up his work in Lincoln, N. H. He will be greatly missed in town among musical circles.

The Rumford Amateur Baseball Club officials are making preparations for this summer's baseball schedule. A new store known as the Oxford Variety Store has been opened at 245 Waldo street with A. J. Marcoux as proprietor.

Lorne McConaughy is employed at Mann's Bakery.

Little Miss Margaret Eaton is recovering nicely from a recent operation for appendicitis at the McCarty Hospital. She is the daughter of Hon. and Mrs. F. O. Eaton of Franklin street.

Mrs. George McConaughy has been working in the Benefit Store during the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Morrill who were called to Connecticut by the illness of their son.

The Rumford Shrine Club which recently held a most successful ladies night, is now planning to hold an entertainment and dance on Tuesday, May 2. Joint meetings of Napoleon Outlets Post and the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Post, are now to be held on the first Tuesday in every month.

On Tuesday evening of this week a little going away party was tendered Mrs. George Gates, by the church people of the Universalist church. Mrs. Gates has attended this church since its organization in 1893, and is one of the two charter members of the Ladies' Aid Society now residing in town. She will be greatly missed by the church people. Mrs. Gates leaves the last of next week to take up her residence in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Spear are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter.

While making repairs on a paper machine at the International Paper mill, Sunday morning, John Long was suddenly caught between two steel rolls. This accident, which happened at about 9 A. M., proved fatal. A wife and two children survive, and also a brother. Mr. Long and family came here from Brooklyn, N. Y., and had been here but a short time. The family will return to New York. Mr. Long was 44 years of age.

Penacook Lodge, I. O. O. F., will observe ladies night on Thursday evening of this week, when a splendid entertainment and dancing will be the features of the program, which will be given at Municipal Hall. Included in the program are Miss Marshall reader and player of the harp, Miss Brady soloist, and Bert Clark impersonator.

The ladies of the Methodist church will hold a food sale on Saturday afternoon of this week.

The new hymnals recently secured by the Universalist church were used for the first time on Sunday last. Printed cards have been distributed at this church, bearing the Lenten services, all the dates and meeting places of the Lenten Aid, and the dates and leaders of the forum class.

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The condition of Mr. C. S. Osgood, who suffered a severe paralytic shock about ten days ago remains very critical.

**WEST PARIS**

George Tucker of Portland has been in town recently to visit his mother, Mrs. Adelia Tucker.

Rev. H. A. Markley officiated at the funeral of Lyman Beck of Woodstock, Saturday.

Mrs. Clara Ryder is working for Mrs. Gertrude Stuart.

Elsworth D. Curtis entered upon his duties as postmaster Monday morning. Mrs. Mark Richardson is at the hospital with her husband.

Rev. H. A. Markley officiated at the funeral of Lyle Evelyn, infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thurston, Saturday, Feb. 28. On Monday he and Mrs. Markley went to Auburn, where he officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Emma Bradford, a former parishioner. On Tuesday he was at Bryant's Pond to officiate at the funeral of Frank Perkins.

Mrs. Geo. D. Robertson and daughter, Miriam, of South Paris were guests Saturday at Ar. J. Bickor's.

Mrs. Adelia Tucker fell down the attic stairs Wednesday and was severely shaken up and injured, although it is hoped that no bones were broken. Mrs. Tucker has been in poor health for some time and at her advanced age the fall was serious.

Mark Richardson went to the Central Maine General Hospital, Thursday, where he underwent an operation for infection in a gland. He is reported doing well.

Mrs. Mary Curtis and daughter, Ella, are suffering from the prevailing epidemic.

Rev. H. A. Markley attended a board meeting of the county officers of Boy Scouts at Mechanic Falls last week. Annie Curtis returned from the Central Maine General Hospital, Friday morning.

The infant child of Peter Pulvinen of Greenwood died Tuesday of last week from pneumonia following scarlet fever.

Rupert T. Berry has a position as travelling salesman for a Portland firm. The funeral of Mrs. Inez Hammond was held from the Baptist church Monday afternoon. Rev. Chester Gore Miller, pastor of the Universalist church of South Paris, officiated. There were many beautiful flowers.

South Paris High School drama was very nicely presented to a good sized audience Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Mann were in Lewiston Monday of last week and were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Dvinal of Auburn. They went to Portland, Tuesday, and attended the auto show. They were guests during their stay of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin L. Bowker.

Dr. F. E. Wheeler was ill Saturday and Sunday and unable to attend his patients. He had an attack of grippe combined with an overworked condition.

**PORTER**

School finished Friday, Feb. 24, after a very successful term taught by Fred Leavitt of North Portland. The children will enjoy a vacation of four weeks.

Miss Clara Gilles, Helen Wentworth and Ada Blazo attended the debate at Kears Falls, Monday evening, reporting a very pleasant evening spent.

Mr. and Mrs. Horatio Tripp were afternoon callers at Mrs. James Virtue's. Mr. Hurd of Silver Lake, N. H., is stopping with his daughter, Mrs. Herbert Frost.

Mrs. Eva Smith is spending the week end in town, the guest of Mrs. Herbert Smith.

Rev. Wm. Cotton and daughter, Ethel, of Waterboro were in town over the Sabbath. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wentworth.

James Sargent, who is working on the Len Leavitt lot, is living in the rent of Harry Goodwin's.

Laurence Gilles has been ill with the grippe.

Mrs. Eva Smith and Elsie Smith attended the movies, Saturday night at Kears Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Wirt Gross were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rice. Mr. and Mrs. George Libby spent Sunday at Sidney Libby's.

Services were held Sunday forenoon at the Centre.

Friends of Mrs. Bertha (Tewksbury) Elliott will be sorry to hear she is very ill at a hospital in Whitefield.

Mrs. Noyes Norton is ill with the grippe, her daughter-in-law is caring for her.

Mrs. Alice Goodwin, formerly of Hill, is quite ill at the home of her son,

Harry Goodwin.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Wentworth were Cornish visitors Sunday afternoon. Laura Weeks was a guest at Par Son of her mother, Mrs. Minnie Weeks, on Thursday night.

Nora Durgin and Gerald Durgin were visitors Wednesday at Noyes Norton's.

**SOUTH BETHEL**

Mr. and Mrs. George Salls are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, March 3.

Archie and Clyde Stevens who have been confined to the house by scarlet fever, are improving.

Oscar Tibbets was at Bethel, Friday.

Carrie Vashaw was at Mary Chase's Saturday.

Robert Brown has blood poison in his hand.

The school was closed Tuesday, because of scarlet fever.

George Leonard is home from Norway.

Mrs. Fred Tibbets is on the gain.

**LOOKS' MILLS**

The mill was shut down a few days while they were installing the new engine.

Mrs. Edwin Rowe of Bryant's Pond visited her daughter, Mrs. A. R. Stowell a few days last week.

Mrs. Henry Morgan and children were guests of relatives at Bryant's Pond the week end.

Owen Davis was in Bryant's Pond, Sunday.

**EASTERN CASUALTY INSURANCE CO., BOSTON, MASS.**

Stocks and Bonds,	\$132,873.25
Cash in Office and Bank,	26,823.04
Agents' Balances,	1,520.32
Interest and Rents,	1,676.39
All other Assets,	3,195.25

Gross Assets,	\$166,088.25
Deduct Items not admitted,	1,520.32

Admitted Assets,	\$164,567.93
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1921,	\$17,168.56
Net Unpaid Losses,	14,053.41
Unearned Premiums,	5,893.28
All other Liabilities,	100,000.00
Cash Capital,	24,958.68
Surplus over all Liabilities,	24,958.68

Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$164,567.93
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**THE OCEAN ACCIDENT & GUARANTEE CORP., LTD., OF LONDON, ENGLAND.**

New York Office: 114 Fifth Avenue, New York City

Assets Dec. 31, 1921

Real Estate,	\$530,923.00
Mortgage Loans,	72,000.00
Stocks and Bonds,	15,600,439.41
Cash in Office and Bank,	682,180.95
Agents' Balances,	543,718.99
Bills Receivable,	41,001.81
Interest and Rents,	212,154.23
All other Assets,	2,464,703.45

Gross Assets,	\$10,962,932.48
Deduct Items not admitted,	2,750,730.04

Admitted Assets,	\$17,211,493.44
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1921,	\$17,211,493.44
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$7,871,111.43
Unearned Premiums,	5,532,151.87
All other Liabilities,	888,428.92
Cash Capital,	750,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	2,189,901.22

Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$17,211,493.44
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A. E. JONES, Agent, Rumford, Me. 5-23-21-F

**UNITED STATES FIDELITY GUARANTEE CO., OF BALTIMORE, MD.**

Assets Dec. 31, 1921

Real Estate,	\$2,274,128.60
Mortgage Loans,	47,500.00
Collateral Loans,	45,501.40
Stocks and Bonds,	21,698,934.08
Cash in Office and Bank,	2,347,332.25
Agents' Balances,	7,444,637.87
Bills Receivable,	479,655.44
Interest and Rents,	1,045,887.52

Gross Assets,	\$35,583,487.17
Deduct Items not admitted,	2,011,036.95

Admitted Assets,	\$33,572,450.22
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1921,	\$33,572,450.22
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$9,958,926.02
Unearned Premiums,	11,114,930.07
All other Liabilities,	2,704,446.49
Cash Capital,	4,600,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities,	5,234,141.64

Total Liabilities and Surplus,	\$33,572,450.22
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Oxford Ins. Agency, Agents, Rumford, Maine. 3-23-21-F

**AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Accident and Liability Dept., 650 Main Street, Hartford, Conn.**

Assets Dec. 31, 1921

Mortgage Loans,	\$8,784,835.44
Collateral Loans,	226,300.00
Stocks and Bonds,	18,866,992.69
Cash in Office and Bank,	2,778,411.06
Agents' Balances,	3,861,800.39
Bills Receivable,	75,638.49
Interest and Rents,	418,802.17
All other Assets,	101,926,078.09

Gross Assets,	\$191,024,618.83
Deduct Items not admitted,	200,602.59

Admitted Assets,	\$191,718,046.24
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1921,	\$191,718,046.24
Net Unpaid Losses,	\$19,932,930.82</



# THE J. E. JONES LETTER

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South." But the Alabama Power Company, which is likewise a bidder for the property, is not so modest, and Thomas W. Martin, president of the company, told the committee that his company holds an option for the exclusive right to purchase the Warrior Steam plant, contained in the contract signed with the War Department, by which power was supplied by the plant during the war for operation of nitrate plants at Muscle Shoals. Mr. Ford includes this property in his offer to the War Department despite the claim to it of the Alabama company.

The feature of the hearings brings out the fact that the Alabama interests that are seeking to purchase Muscle Shoals have already won their spurs in the South by creating and carrying on large developments, and it would seem that they should be given particular consideration on account of their accomplished achievements. On the other hand, Mr. Ford is being pictured as a later-day "carpet-bagger" so far as this particular proposition is concerned. But Ford is Ford, and there are none like him—hence the Ford enthusiasm in connection with Muscle Shoals. It may, nevertheless, be regarded as unfortunate for the public interests, that the investigation before Congress does not disclose the particular merits claimed for the Ford offer. It is said that Mr. Ford will make alterations in his proposition. It is clear that the Government will not do business with him unless these changes are far more favorable than anything contained in the earlier proposals.

## RADIO ENTHUSIASM EVERYWHERE

A year ago there were 50,000 wireless telephone receiving sets in the country; today there are 600,000 sets. The only reason why there aren't more is because the supply has become inadequate to the demand. Every night these sets are used by their owners and their guests to participate in lectures and concerts that are "thrown into the air" in New York, Washington, Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco and other cities. The delight of one "bug" when he finds a sympathetic radio soul is equal to the fraternity of Elks gathered at Volstead club-sideboards. Secretary of Commerce Hoover has taken the initiative in bringing the heads of commercial radio and others into a conference for the purpose of developing plans for control of the ether, which he says, is threatened with being filled "with frantic chaos."

It is of course very clear that if the owners of the 600,000 instruments that have been put into operation, were all to do "broadcasting" at once that the sound would have the noises of Babel faded. "It is therefore primarily a question of broadcasting," says Mr. Hoover, who adds that "it becomes of primary interest to say who is to do the broadcasting and under what circumstances, and with what type of material. It is inconceivable that we should allow so great a possibility for service, for news, for entertainment, for education and for vital commercial purposes, to be drowned in advertising chatter, or for commercial purposes that can be quite well served by our other means of communication."

While radio has sprung into popular favor in a few weeks, its wonders have been utilized by commercial interests for many years. The giant stations of the world have been in communication with each other for many years. But now everyone is to have "radio," and strange to say it costs the individual less than a talking machine or a music box.

## MIDDLE INTERVALE ROAD

Miss Ethel Capen is improving slowly. It proved to be the "flu" instead of the grippe.

Randall Stevens has been quite ill with the flu for the past week, but is nearly well.

Elton Goodridge spent the week end with his grandparents and attended the Chapman concert.

The Misses Edith and Bessie Trask and their mother attended the Chapman concert.

Walter Valentino and Lester Cooper who have been cutting birch for the Carters are nearly through with the job.

Mr. Buck is hauling birch to the mill. Rob Farwell is helping him.

## THE MARONIC PROTHETIVE ASSOCIATION, WORCESTER, MASS.

Assets Dec. 31, 1921

Real Estate	\$32,775.00
Mortgage Loans	3,629.01
Stocks and Bonds	1,735,516.85
Cash in Office and Bank	484,866.34
Interest and Rents	31,767.80
All other Assets	60,888.66
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>\$2,359,523.66</b>
Deduct items not admitted	22,185.21
<b>Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$2,337,338.45</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1921	
Not Unpaid Losses	\$769,600.24
Unearned Premiums	1,045,663.03
All other Liabilities	121,235.53
Cash Capital	100,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	\$300,941.00
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$2,337,338.45</b>

Shipping Tags. Rather exasperating is the obviousness of many patented ideas that have brought fortunes to their originators. Take, for instance, the Dennison shipping tag. The trouble with such tags used to be that they would tear out at the hole. How easy a cardboard reinforcement. Just that was the whole of Dennison's invention, and it netted him a tidy fortune.

## CANTON

Mrs. Ellen K. Ayer of Canton passed away Friday morning at her home on Pleasant street at the age of nearly 82 years. Mrs. Ayer was born in Turner, the daughter of Jacob Keene and Lydia Packard Keene. She was twice married, her first husband being John Dresser. For her second husband she married John Ayer, who passed away years ago. She is survived by one brother, Rosello Keene, who is spending the winter in Florida, and several cousins, among them being Mellen B. Packard and Mrs. Rita Glover of Canton. The funeral was held Tuesday forenoon.

The Universalist Circle met Thursday with Mrs. Evie Burke. The next session will be with Mrs. E. K. Hollis.

Mrs. John Tyler and Miss Nellie Parsons attended the funeral of Mrs. Mary Parsons at Rumford last week.

Miss Olive Bryant of Livermore Falls is stopping with Mrs. Alice Carver.

Chas. H. Gilbert of Boston is improving in health and is expected home with his brother, W. B. Gilbert, who has been caring for him, sometime this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Adell of Rumford have been guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Ellis and family over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pulsifer of Farmington have been guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Hollis.

Miss Gertrude Berry has recovered from her late illness and will continue her school work this week.

The next meeting of the Seaside-feeding Club will be held with Mrs. Lyman Ellis.

Herbert Swett returned Saturday from a visit with his son, Clarence A. Swett, and family of Salem, Mass.

Mrs. Oscar Hardy and children have been ill with the prevailing epidemic.

Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Hayes passed their 50th wedding anniversary Monday.

Walter J. Gammon of North Hartford received word Sunday that his mother, Mrs. Rose Gammon, had suffered an illness.

Mr. Gammon, who formerly lived in Canton, is being cared for by Mabel Wood of Buckfield.

A meeting of the N. E. M. P. A. was held Thursday.

Winona Nickerson, who has been quite ill, is on the gain.

George Sevel of No. Turner passed away last week, after an illness of flu and pneumonia at the age of 47 years.

He is survived by his wife, who was Miss Mattie Young before marriage. A private funeral was held Sunday at the home.

Mrs. Guy Sanders and Miss Wilma Hussey were visitors at Livermore Falls, Friday.

Mrs. A. H. Adams has returned from a visit with her brother in Wilton.

A meeting of the women of the Farm Bureau was held Wednesday at the vestry of the Baptist church.

Miss Ruth Gammon is with her sister, Miss Hazel Gammon, who is employed in Boston.

Miss Mildred Patterson of Buckfield was at home over the Sabbath.

The girls basketball team played at Wilton, Friday evening and were defeated.

Gertrude G. Barron, who is superintendent of music in the schools of Bangor, has been a guest at the home of Lyman Ellis. She was a former teacher in the Canton schools.

A good crowd attended the dance at the Opera House, Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Adams have received word that their son, Donald Adams, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, had submitted to a mastoid operation. Mr. Adams has been ill for sometime with abscesses in his head.

J. L. Gammon is slowly recovering from his illness.

John Briggs has been attending the fruit show in Lewiston and auto show at Portland.

Mrs. Ida Glover is gaining and sits up some.

Miss Madeline Hines of Lewiston is visiting at her home in town.

The boys basketball team played here with the Mechanic Falls, Friday evening. Score, 27 to 18 in favor of Mechanic Falls. A social at the school-house followed the game.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Poland of W. Roxbury, Mass., are at "Green Acres" for a short stay.

Mrs. John Lavorgna is on the sick list.

Miss Minnie Swasey entertained a party of friends at her home Wednesday evening in a pleasant manner. Dancing was enjoyed and refreshments of salads, sandwiches, cake, candy, coffee, etc., were served.

Mrs. Walter Farrar remains very ill and a trained nurse is in attendance.

W. L. York has been appointed administrator of the York estate.

Elsie Dalgie, who has been at work away the past winter, has returned home.

## IT HAPPENED IN NEW ENGLAND

News of General Interest From the Six States

Payson Smith, Massachusetts Commissioner of Education has been elected to the executive board of the National Education Association to fill a vacancy.

"The country which commands the air will inevitably control everything beneath on land and sea," declared Rear Admiral William S. Sims, speaking at the 40th annual dinner of the Sons of Brown in Boston.

Thirty-four students were dropped from the University of Maine at the end of the fall semester because of failure to meet collegiate requirements. Of this number 26 were freshmen, six sophomores and two juniors.

Warren Cole, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cole, South Groveland, Mass., was taken to the hospital with a bullet wound in the abdomen, received when a revolver was accidentally discharged by a playmate.

The price of milk in Burlington, Vt., has been reduced two cents per quart, bringing the price down to 10c. This is the lowest in five years, and it is authoritatively stated that the present price will prevail until next fall at least.

Samuel Cox of Lynn, Mass., did not prophesy correctly. On his 102d birthday, last August 27, he told his friends that he would live to be 110 years old. Three weeks ago he was taken ill and March 1 he died in the home of his daughter.

Two battleships and 15 destroyers are coming to the Charlestown navy yard to be tied up, according to a rumor that appears to be well founded. The cause is the lack of fuel to carry out their schedule of drilling in Cuban waters.

No action will be taken by this year's legislature on the Massachusetts Horticultural Society's bill for the preservation of the trailing arbutus, or mayflower, the committee on conservation voting to refer the measure to the next annual session.

Lieut. Gov. Abram W. Foote of Vermont, will enter the September primaries as a candidate for the Republican nomination for Governor, and is emphatic in his statement that if elected and supported by the members of the next legislature there will be no dollar state tax.

Ly Cobb, who has bought into the holdings of the Augusta club of the South Atlantic League, is also a stockholder in the New Haven, Ct., club of the Eastern League. He has appointed Neil Ball captain and second baseman of last season's New Haven team as manager of the Augusta team.

Albin E. Tohn of Worcester, Mass., a well-known fisherman, told of his discovery of a huge otter on the ice of Lake Quinsigamond, his pursuit of the mammal and its escape through a hole in the ice. He believes it is one of a large family of otters and their presence in the lake accounts for the inability of expert fishermen to catch a good-sized string of fish.

Col. John P. J. Herbert of Worcester, Mass., has accepted the appointment as liaison officer between the American Legion and the United States Veterans' bureau for district No. 1. Col. Herbert's duties will consist of representing the members of the American Legion in district No. 1 in presenting their claims against the government. This district comprises the New England states with the exception of Connecticut.

Mrs. Rebecca Smolensky, 72, of Springfield, Mass., believed to be the oldest woman moonshiner in the country, was taken before United States Commissioner J. L. Rice on a charge of illegal manufacture of intoxicating liquor. She pleaded not guilty and the case was continued two months. This virtually amounts to probation. She was deserted by her husband two months ago and conceived the idea of earning a living making moonshine.

John N. Cole, Massachusetts commissioner of public works, speaking before a joint meeting of engineering societies on "Problems Due to the Growth of Motor Transportation," declared that the cost of maintenance of motor trucks as related to total operating cost, was only one eighth that of the cost of the roads, and that the burden of maintaining the highways should fall, in fair percentage, on those responsible for the depreciation. "The cost of putting our roads in proper condition for public safety," he said, "is approximately \$50,000,000, and New England is more dependent on roads than any other part of the country."

William Stanley leader of the Stanley tribe of Romany gypsies, whose itinerant life carried him in many parts of Europe and made him a picturesque figure in this country after he came to America, half a century ago, died last week at his winter home in Lynn, Mass. Born in England 61 years ago, he had been in vigorous health until a year ago, when he began to feel the ravages of old age. On his 80th birthday he attributed his long life and excellent health to the fact that he had always lived a care-free life in the outdoors.

## DAYS OF DIZZINESS

Come to Hundreds of Bethel People There are days of dizziness; Spells of headache, languor, backache; Sometimes rheumatic pains; Often urinary disorders. Doan's Kidney Pills are especially for kidney ills.

Endorsed in Bethel by grateful friends and neighbors. Ask your neighbor!

H. E. Littlefield, prop. auto service, Main St., Bethel, says: "Some years ago my kidneys were out of order. I had been overworking at the time and was feeling knocked out generally. My back was weak and painful, especially on rising in the morning. I would be dizzy headed and when I stooped forward, little black specks appeared before my eyes; my kidneys were in bad shape, too. A friend suggested I try Doan's Kidney Pills, so I began using them and the one box cured me up in good shape. I have never had a return of my former trouble and recommend Doan's Kidney Pills to anyone in need of a good kidney medicine."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Littlefield had. Foster-McMillan Co.,

A NEGLECTED DISEASE

In the years gone by tuberculosis was the most ruthless destroyer of human lives. In Maine in 1892, the year in which our records of vital statistics were begun, 1513 persons lay down their lives at the bidding of the T. B. bacillus.

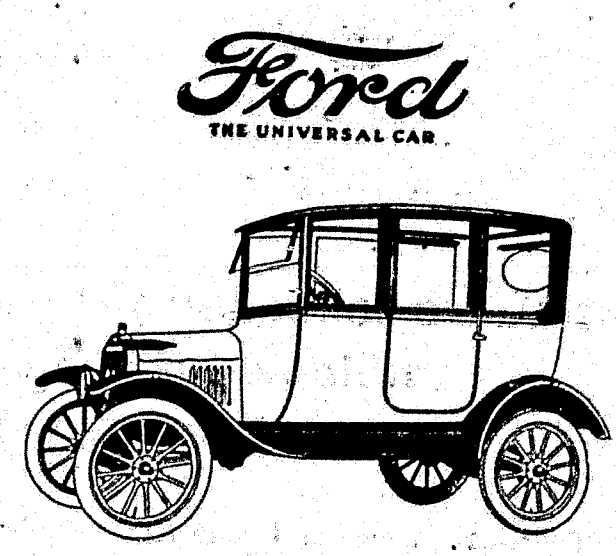
But, as the result of public education work begun a little before that time and carried on continuously since then, the tuberculosis death-rate has fallen in so encouraging a degree that the number of deaths from tuberculosis in 1920 was only 798 and was slightly lower the year before.

While this has been done largely by teaching the people that tuberculosis is a communicable disease and a preventable disease, another serious malady has been too much neglected by public health workers. In the ten years, 1910-1919, tuberculosis destroyed 9,984 of our lives; but pneumonia, within the same period, caused the death of 12,336 persons.

Pneumonia in its various forms is a communicable disease, sometimes very strikingly so, but always the sick ones are producing and giving off infection which prudence should incline us to avoid. To help in the work of cutting down the pneumonia death-rate, the State Department of Health has just sent to the printer Circular 241, "On Cutting Down the Pneumonia Death-Rate."

In that circular physicians and householders are reminded that pneumonia is one of the notifiable diseases, and that a case of this disease must be reported to the local health officer so that, the family, the attending physician and the health officer working together, there may be an assurance that reasonable precautions are observed against the transmission of the infection to other persons.

Influenza is now disquietingly prevalent in some places in the state, from forty to nearly a hundred cases in some towns without large populations, and though the disease is thus far assuming a much milder form than it did in 1918, 1919.



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there will undoubtedly be an increase in the prevalence of pneumonia. It is therefore desirable that unnecessary visitors be excluded from the sick-room for their safety and in the interest of the patient.

## THE AETNA CASUALTY AND SURETY COMPANY, HARTFORD, CONN.

Assets Dec. 31, 1921

Mortgage Loans	\$2,935,225.00
Collateral Loans	383,815.05
Stocks and Bonds	8,623,819.50
Cash in Office and Bank	1,536,232.57
Agents' Balances	1,710,824.86
Bills Receivable	164,069.12
Interest and Rents	136,028.46
All other Assets	485,234.23
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>\$15,034,143.79</b>
Deduct items not admitted	175,277.04
<b>Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$14,858,866.75</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1921	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$3,226,941.69
Unearned Premiums	6,068,978.17
All other Liabilities	1,090,437.83
Cash Capital	2,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	\$3,072,508.12

Total Liabilities and Surplus, \$14,858,866.75

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Assets Dec. 31, 1921

Real Estate	\$249,751.10
Stocks and Bonds	4,908,635.80
Cash in Office and Bank	288,448.89
Agents' Balances	632,368.00
Bills Receivable	397.81
Interest and Rents	90,331.28
All other Assets	15,828.47
<b>Gross Assets</b>	<b>\$6,185,747.01</b>
Deduct items not admitted	508,999.34
<b>Admitted Assets</b>	<b>\$5,676,747.67</b>
Liabilities Dec. 31, 1921	
Net Unpaid Losses	\$313,745.40
Unearned Premiums	2,662,625.83
All other Liabilities	196,942.70
Cash Capital	1,000,000.00
Surplus over all Liabilities	\$1,505,433.74
<b>Total Liabilities and Surplus</b>	<b>\$5,676,747.67</b>

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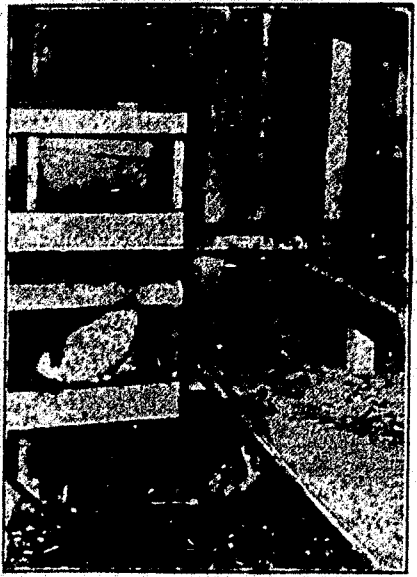


## HATCHET BEST FOR SICK HENS

Many Reasons Enumerated Why All-ing Fowls Should Be Killed Rather Than Cured.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The most reliable and profitable method for curing sick poultry is the hatchet. At least that seems to have been the experience of a large number of commercial poultry raisers. They find that it does not pay to spend much time or money in trying to bring a sick fowl back to health. One reason is that it takes considerable time, during which the bird will not be laying, and another is that a sick bird is always a menace to the rest of the flock. However, in spite of the efficiency of the hatchet as a cure, it is not good business to be careless just because such



Profits Are Greater Where Houses Are Kept in Sanitary Condition.

an efficient remedy is at hand. Prevention in most cases is not difficult nor costly, and pays big dividends.

The poultry flock is subject to a number of diseases, some of which spread rapidly and cause big losses. The birds may also be infested with various parasites, some of which live on the surface of the body and others in the various parts of the interior. Such parasites, whether they are outside or inside workers, are injurious because they take a part of the nourishment which should be used to put on flesh or to produce eggs, and also because of irritation and inflammation of the parts they attack.

The contagious diseases caused by germs and the weakness and loss of flesh caused by the larger parasites are the most important conditions which the poultryman must consider in order to keep his birds in health. These germs and parasites can be kept down by suitable preventive measures, and the aim of study of the diseases should be to learn prevention rather than cure. Medicines may be given advantageously at times but as a rule, as has been suggested, it is better to kill the sufferer. There is another reason not yet mentioned that makes the killing of sick birds desirable. Birds that first contract diseases are apt to be the weakest ones in the flock and should be culled out.

The more birds kept on a farm or plot of ground and the more they are crowded the greater the danger from contagion and parasites, and the more important the measures for excluding, eradicating, and preventing development of these causes of disease.

The best way to do this is to secure eggs from a flock that has shown no indication of contagious disease for at least a year. If precautions are taken to keep the eggs absolutely clean and they are hatched in a thoroughly cleaned incubator the young chicks will have a much better chance. They will also grow up with a better chance of escaping disease if they are raised in clean brooders and kept upon ground where poultry has not run for some time.

Sometimes these directions cannot be followed explicitly. If all the available ground has been recently used for poultry, fowls should be taken from that part which is to be used for the new flock, a good coating of freshly slacked lime applied to the surface and a few days later it should be plowed. Then it should be cultivated three or four times with intervals of a week, and finally sowed to a small grain crop. In a few months the greater part of the germs will be destroyed, but it is better to leave the ground uncultivated by poultry until a winter has passed.

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## Daddy's Evening Fairy Tale

by MARY GRAHAM BONNER

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### ANT LION

"I'm the Ant Lion and I am an insect. I tell that at once because anyone might think I was a big lion or maybe some sort of a creature who killed lions."

"I never thought that," said an alligator in a pool nearby. "Of course I came from the same part of the world that you did. I, too, was caught and brought to the zoo. I didn't mind, though. They didn't have much fuss with me."

"I would have had more fun with them," said the rattlesnake from his cage. "If they had let me. But they knew how to get me without letting me get them. It seems a pity when one thinks that I am here a prisoner when I should have killed a few people."

"Oh well, I'm happy enough and I'll have to admit they were smart."

"Look here," said the Ant Lion, "you are always telling your story. You are saying what you will do and what you have done and what you would like to do. Now no one knows my story."

"Do give me a chance to tell you I am. I am sure the zoo creatures would be interested in knowing."

"Then if you're sure of that," said the rattlesnake, "go on with your story."

"I'll stay quite still with my story, thank you," said the Ant Lion.

"All right, try to be funny too," said the rattlesnake. "I don't mind. I feel

sleepy. I won't bother to stay awake for your story as I know it anyway."

"Very well," said the Ant Lion, "as I don't care whether you hear it or not, I don't care in the least. There are others in the zoo who will hear it."

"Go to sleep and then you won't interrupt me," said the Ant Lion. "Yes, rattlesnake I'd be glad to have you go to sleep."

"Tell your story now that you have a chance," said the alligator, "and don't waste all your time talking to the rattlesnake."

"Creatures will think you haven't any story to tell, but just want to argue with the rattlesnake. Now if you don't tell your story I will tell how I went off with a number of my relatives and lived where it was very quiet and was quite the boss too."

"I will tell my story at once," said the Ant Lion. "As I said I was an insect, in fact I am an insect and will continue to be an insect as long as I live."

"I'm not even an inch long. I have pinners on the front of my body and I use these to get the sand away from my body. Then I dig and make myself a fine home and there I attract the ants."

"They come my way and look over the edges of the home I have dug myself and then they begin to crawl over the sides and then they fall down with the sand which begins to fall and they land straight in my mouth."

"I cleverly trap my enemies. That is why I have the name of Ant Lion. I am a king and the ants are my subjects. I am like a lion for the lion is a king and I get my prey cleverly."

"And when I have finished my meal I throw away the bones, so to speak, so that other ants won't be scared away."

"I make trails when marketing is poor and that gets in many ants who like to travel in numbers along from one of our homes to another. They don't realize how we're trapping them!"

"When I was born my mother laid her eggs (and I was one of the number) under the shade of an oak tree. It was a beautiful place. There the sand was soft and we were so comfortable there and could get plenty to eat for we could build without any trouble in the soft sand."

"There is a time when we spin cocoons when we are free and go off looking like dragon flies and with our mates enjoy life for a little and see the world and think of love and beauty."

"But then again we come back to the old life of seeking the ants and feeding upon them."

"Yes, we're the Ant Lions, for we're king of all beasts who hunt for ants I feel sure. We're not beasts, of course, we're insects, but you know what I mean."

"But we're clever the way we get the ants in and we do it in such a lazy sort of way, for we plan our traps for them in such a way that they cannot but help but fall in our waiting mouths."

## CHURCH ACTIVITIES

### UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

Rev. J. H. Little, Pastor  
Morning service at 10.45.  
Sunday School at 12.  
Evening service at 7.

The topic for next Sunday evening is "The Savior's Scale of Values." Read Matt. V. 1-12 and see what you think of his statement of values.

The Y. P. C. U. will have a meeting soon for the election of officers and committees for the current year.

The Sunday School recently sent \$10 to the Armenian Relief Fund.

The Ladies' Circle will have a food sale at Miss L. M. Stearns' store Friday afternoon.

Owing to the unfavorable weather conditions last Sunday morning notice was given out that there would be no evening service.

### CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. S. T. Achenbach, Pastor

Thursday, Mar. 9: Meeting of the Ladies' Club with Mrs. Upton. All day sewing meeting.

Sunday, Mar. 12:  
10.45: Worship. Sermon theme, "The Necessity of the Free Mind." John 4:4.

12.00: Sunday School.  
4.00: Junior C. E. meeting. Topic, "The Sin of Profanity." Leader, Thelma Bennett.

7.00: Christian Endeavor meeting. Topic, "Habits Good and Bad." Leaders, Margaret Hanson and Nora Humphrey.

### METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. C. L. Wheaton, Pastor

Mothers' Jewels meet at 10.30 A. M. Morning sermon at 10.45.

Sunday School at noon.  
Evening worship at 7.00.  
The Women's Foreign Missionary Society will meet with Mrs. Greenleaf, Thursday evening at 7.30.

Rev. D. B. Holt will be in Bethel, Tuesday, Mar. 14, for the 4th Quarterly Conference. All members and officers please be present.

The Ladies' Aid will meet with Mrs. Blon Brown, Thursday, Mar. 16 at 2.30 P. M., and will hold a percale shower. All ladies bring percale.

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## BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mr. Frank Flint was in Portland over the week end.

Judge A. E. Herrick was a business visitor in Portland, Friday.

Mrs. C. W. Hall and Miss Harriet Merrill were in Berlin, Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Wright were guests of relatives in Gorham, N. H., Tuesday.

Mr. Walter J. Gray of South Paris was a business visitor in town, Friday.

Mr. Ralph Sawyer is home from his work at Houghton, Me., for a few days.

Mr. Herman Mason was a business visitor in Gorham and Berlin, Thursday.

Mrs. Frank Williamson and Mrs. Earl Williamson were guests of relatives in Berlin, N. H., last week.

The Merrill, Springer Co. and H. F. Thurston's mills were closed all day Monday to allow the men a chance to attend town meeting.

Word has been received of the arrival of a little son in the family of Mr. Chester Dean of Chicago. Mr. Dean is the son of Mrs. Rosella Dean.

Mrs. J. Howell Crosby of Rochester, Mass., was a guest of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Williams, last week.

The Academy Glee Club will give a concert in the William Hingham Gymnasium on Thursday evening, March 16, assisted by several soloists. A detailed announcement will appear next week.

Tickets, 25 cents, will be on sale next Monday at Houserman's store, or they may be obtained from members of the Club.

Mrs. A. E. K. Grover received word Monday that her brother, Frank Kendall, of Haverhill, Mass., passed away Sunday morning. Mrs. Grover and her brother, Herbert Kendall, are not able at this time to attend the service which was held at the home, 18 Harrison Ave., Haverhill, Mass., Wednesday, Mar. 8, which to them is an added grief.

Mr. H. P. Austin was in South Paris, recently.

Dr. and Mrs. R. R. Tibbotts were in Portland, Friday.

Miss Alice French spent a few days in Portland, recently.

Several from here attended the auto show in Portland last week.

Miss Maria Robertson has returned to her home after spending sometime at Maple Inn.

Miss Inez Elwell, the telephone operator, spent the week end at her home in West Paris.

Mrs. W. B. Chapman came from New York, Thursday, to spend a few days at her home in town.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bryant were in Portland on business, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The remains of Mr. Levi Greenleaf were brought to Bethel from Portland, Wednesday morning and buried in Woodlawn beside his wife, who was Miss Addie Mason, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mason. Mr. Harry Mason accompanied the remains.

The girls chorus at the Academy was organized Tuesday afternoon with a membership of 31. Miss Nora Humphrey is president; Miss Dorothy Goodnow, secretary and librarian; Miss Evelyn Smith, accompanist, and Charles L. Pollock is musical director.

A week ago word came from Andover, Mass., of the illness of Reginald Holt, son of Mr. and Mrs. John V. Holt, who have passed so many summers at the Partridge home. First reports were favorable although it was a severe case of flu, but last week the disease became alarming and the family physician and a Boston specialist have given very little hope for recovery until last Monday morning, when there seemed a more favorable turn to the disease. Reginald is well known in Bethel, having spent a part of every summer here at his grandparents, Deacon and Mrs. J. U. Partridge. Bethel friends will hope to hear of his recovery.

Mr. Ed. Smith is spending sometime in Massachusetts, the guest of relative.

There was a meeting of the women of the Farm Bureau at Grange Hall, Friday.

Mrs. Mel Kimball of East Bethel spent the week end with Mrs. G. N. Sanborn.

Miss Nina Briggs, who has been at Mr. Fred Wheeler's the past few weeks, has returned to her home in Albany.

Mr. Arnold Brown and family of No. Waterford are guests of Mrs. Brown's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Smith.

Mr. P. C. Andrews is now able to be out again after being confined to the house by injuries received when he was kicked in the knee by a horse.

Frank Kendall passed away at his home in Everett, Mass., on Sunday, Mar. 5. He was the oldest son of the late Justus J. and Marcia A. (Merrill) Kendall of Sunday River Valley, Newry. He has conducted a business at the Boston Produce Market for nearly fifty years, at the Rowe in Charlestown his late brother Leslie Kendall was with him for many years. Mr. Kendall leaves a wife and seven children, also two daughters by a former marriage, two sisters, Mrs. A. E. K. Grover and Mrs. Emily Swan, and brother, Herbert Kendall who lives on the old homestead at Sunday River Valley. His age was seventy years and five months.

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## RUMFORD POINT

H. E. Hutchins is able to be out after his late illness.

George Muse and wife have returned to their home here.

H. S. Penley is better and able to be out.

Stella Elliott was home the week end from her school at Roxbury.

L. M. Hutchins lost a young horse last week that he had just bought of Ray Thurston of Andover.

Mrs. Mary Jane Abbott returned from her visit in Paris, Saturday.

For town treasurer, Mrs. Amy Lyon was out over P. D. Martin, who has held the office for 22 years.

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A pessimist is one who between two evils—chooses both.—Pithy Paragraphs.

"My supper's cold!" He swore with vim, And then she made it Hot for him. —Delaware Review

"Do you know Poe's Raven?" "No, what's the matter with him?" —Awgwan.

Herbert: "But I asked you, dearest to keep your engagement secret for the present." Milli: "I couldn't help it, that hateful Maud said the reason I wasn't married was, no fool had proposed to me, so I told her you had." —Sattle Post-Intelligencer.

Havana is Anti-saloon League's "Paradise Lost."—Wall Street Journal.

A crusty old bachelor says, he thinks it is woman and not her wrongs that ought to be redressed.—McLeans Semi-Weekly.

One evening a farmer met his man with a lantern and asked where he was going. "Courtin'," was the reply. "Courtin'?" said the farmer, "with a lantern? I never look a lantern with me when I went courtin'." "Yes," replied the man, "and look what you got."—R. R. Worker.

"Is pants singular or plural?" "If a man wears 'em it's plural." "Well, if he doesn't?" "It's singular." —National Republican.

A word of love to a plain old maid is like an alimony check to a raving beauty.—Town Topics.

STATE OF MAINE

To all persons interested in either of the Estates hereinafter named:

At a Probate Court, held at Paris, in and for the County of Oxford, on the third Tuesday of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two. The following matters having been presented for the action thereupon hereinafter indicated, it is hereby ORDERED:

That notice thereof be given to all persons interested, by causing a copy of this order to be published three weeks successively in the Oxford County Citizen a newspaper published at Bethel, in said County, that they may appear at a Probate Court to be held at said Paris, on the third Tuesday of March, A. D. 1922, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, and be heard thereon if they see cause.

Elizabeth R. Whitman late of Woodstock, deceased; first account presented for allowance by Ellery C. Park, administrator de bonis non with the will annexed.

Elizabeth R. Whitman late of Woodstock, deceased; petition for determination of inheritance tax presented by Ellery C. Park, administrator de bonis non with the will annexed.

George A. Grover late of Bethel, deceased; petition for the sale of real estate by Ellery C. Park, executor, and the distribution of the proceeds therefrom presented by Albert H. Grover et al., devisees under the will of said deceased.

Hiram H. Bean late of Bethel, deceased; will and petition for probate thereof and the appointment of Josella H. Bean as executrix of the same to act without bond presented by said Josella H. Bean, the executrix therein named.

Alvin E. Chapman late of Bethel, deceased; petition for order to distribute balance remaining in her hands presented by Elizabeth H. Griffin, administratrix.

Witness, ARTHUR E. STEARNS Judge of said Court at Paris, this third Tuesday of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-two.

ALBERT D. PARK, Register.

Help From the Neighbors.

There are few things more tantalizing to a man than to go home with something on his mind he wants to tell about and find company visiting there and be obliged to act agreeable.

—Havensville (Kan.) Review.

## BYRON

Fred Ladd has moved his family to Roxbury.

Miss Mabel Knapp spent Friday evening in Mexico, with her friend, Miss Beryl Philbrick.

Mrs. Kate Holsdon was in town over the week end.

Walter Welds of Oquossoc was in town, Monday.

Miss Mabel May is working for Mrs. Fred Ladd.

Miss Addie Taylor of Roxbury was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Cora Thomas, several days last week.

## STONEHAM

Charles Adams is visiting his sister, Mrs. C. D. Bickford.

Laurence Bean of Waterford was a week end guest at H. A. Richards's.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Dadmun of Albany visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Grover, over the week end.

Frederic Allen is the new fireman at the Oxford Box Co's mill and boards at H. A. Richards.

Ralph Tucker had his knee thrown out of joint while at work in the mill, Friday. He was brought home and a physician summoned. His knee is still badly swollen and rather painful, but he is able to walk around in the house a little.

The next sewing bee will meet at Keowaydin Cottage for an all day meeting, Thursday, Mar. 16, entertained by Mrs. C. D. Bickford and her sister, Mrs. P. L. McKee.

Minnehaha Temple, No. 53, Pythian Sisters, installed their officers, Saturday evening, Mar. 4. The installation has been long delayed owing to so much sickness in town the past two months, but the epidemic of gripple or flu seems to have passed now, and the sick ones are nearly all out around again.

Mrs. Gertrude Adams, who has been spending the winter in Norway and Millinocket, visited relatives here the past week.

## NOTICE OF LOST BANK BOOK

Notice is hereby given that the Bethel Savings Bank has been notified that book of deposit issued by said bank to Gretta Wilson, Wilson's Mills, Maine, and numbered 4044 has been destroyed or lost, and that she desires to have a new book of deposit issued to her.

BETHEL SAVINGS BANK, By A. E. Herriek, Treasurer.

Bethel, Maine, Feb. 9, 1922. 3-9-3tp

## LAWYER COULD NOT SEE IT

Legal Luminary Felt Himself Regretfully Compelled to Decline Offered Job of "Spellbinding."

"I want to take time by the forelock," he said as he entered a lawyer's office.

"Yes, sir! Yes, sir!" was the reply. "Always take time by the forelock and you won't get left. What it is, sir."

"Well, we are to have an election this fall for city officers, and I wanted to know if I could engage you to make a speech for me the night before election."

"Are you going to be a candidate?" was asked.

"I am."

"But what about the speech?"

"Why, a feller is going to run against me again who beat me by 300 votes last year. In fact, I only got two votes. I want you to come up and give me such a speech that I will beat him worse than he beat me. You will want to try it right down to him. He killed a horse once, and stole a sawmill, and has been married three times. If you will come up and present the case in a way to knock the feller out, I will give you \$5."

The lawyer respectfully declined to take the case, and somebody will get snowed under again.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

## PEOPLE OF OUR TOWN

Why do the Girls fall for This Kind of a Guy, Fellers? All he can do is to Shake a Mean Hoof at the Dances, but he's well on his way to Satisfy his Ambition to Go With every Girl in Town. Why do the Silly Creatures prefer the Fusser to Manly Guys like Me 'n You, huh?

## SCOUTS HANDLE TRAFFIC.

Scouts of the North Shore, Northwest and Hyde Park districts handled a traffic of over 3,000 automobiles on the occasion of the recent Indian celebration near Chicago. They also gave some fine scout demonstrations and proved their ability to render real as well as fictitious first aid, for when a young Indian got hurt in a lacrosse game they treated his injury promptly and efficiently and, improvising a cot, stretcher, carried the victim to the nearby hospital.

## SCOUTS PREVENT TRAIN WRECK

Some Omaha scouts returning from an overnight hike discovered a tree lying across a railroad track at the same moment they heard the whistle of the oncoming passenger train just rounding the curve 300 yards away. Instantly the boys stripped the red sweater from the back of one of the group and waving it frantically flagged the train in time to avert a disaster.

## WORK IN FOREST PRESERVATION

In McKean County, Pa., boy scouts have been for some time organized as forest fire fighters and have reached such a high degree of efficiency in the service that they are said to be far better fire fighters than the average adult. Their tireless activity and enthusiasm make them invaluable in this connection.

## ACTIVITIES OF BOY SCOUTS.

Frederick (M.) scouts scoured the country for miles around in behalf of the Near East relief presenting their appeal to the grain mills and stores in the vicinity.

Richard Weaver, the San Francisco boy scout, who sacrificed a hundred inches of his own skin to save the life of a badly burned scout, was recently formally awarded the medal of honor, given only for distinguished heroisms, from the National Council of Honor of the Boy Scouts of America.

## SOUTH WOODSTOCK

Mrs. Maud Benson is at home after being at E. J. Mann's at West Paris several days.

Mrs. I. A. Thorne and children are visiting at So. Paris.

Miss Doris Beek spent the week end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. S. Beck.

Several from this vicinity attended town meeting at Bryant's Pond, Monday.

The mill has been shut down for repairs, but expects to be running again soon.

## SKILLINGTON

Death has entered this little village and taken a kind friend and neighbor, Mrs. Mary Young passed away at her home early Saturday morning. The funeral was held Monday at 2 o'clock.

Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved family, also the aged mother, Mrs. Poole.

Dorothy Flanders had a sick spell the first of the week but is better.

Mr. Willard Linnell has finished work for Mr. Skillings and gone to Milan to visit his sister.

Miss Winona Sawyer returned home to Bangor, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Winfield Howe visited at A. B. Sanborn's, Sunday.

Mrs. Lena Shaw and daughter, Mabel called at Mr. A. B. Sanborn's, Friday night.

Achie Hutchinson has been driving team for Mr. Skillings.

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A cordial invitation is extended to strangers who belong to any of these organizations to visit meetings when in town.

BETHEL LODGE, F. & A. M., No. 97, meets in Masonic Hall the second Thursday evening of each month. R. R. Tibbets, W. M.; Fred M. Merrill, Secretary.

PURITY CHAPTER, No. 102, O. F. S., meets in Masonic Hall the first Wednesday evening of each month. Mrs. Elizabeth Carey, W. M.; Mrs. Pearl Tibbets, Secretary.

MT. ABRAM LODGE, No. 81, I. O. O. F., meets in their hall every Friday evening. A. O. Brinck, N. G.; Wesley Wheeler, Secretary.

SUNSET REBEKAH LODGE, No. 64, I. O. O. F., meets in Odd Fellows' Hall the first and third Monday evenings of each month. Mrs. Lena Brinck, N. G.; Anna French, Secretary.

SUDBURY LODGE, K. of P., No. 22, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall each Tuesday evening. Winfield Howe, C. C.; John Harrington, K. of R. and S.

NACCOMI TEMPLE, PYTHIAN SISTERS, No. 68, meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evening of each month at I. O. O. F. Hall. Mrs. Helen Baker, M. E. C. Mrs. Minnie Bennett, M. of R. & C.

BROWN POST, No. 84, G. A. R., meets at Odd Fellows' Hall the second and fourth Thursdays of each month. A. H. Hutchinson, Commander; I. O. Jordan, Adjutant; L. N. Bartlett, Q. M.

BROWN W. B. C., No. 38, meets in Odd Fellows' Hall the second and fourth Thursday evening of each month. Emily Forbes, Pres.; Eva Hastings, Secretary.

GEORGE A. MUNDT POST, No. 81, AMERICAN LEGION, meets the first Tuesday of each month in its rooms. William Mackay, Commander; Howard Tyler, Adjutant.

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# HARRIET

## and the PIPER

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### CHAPTER I.

Richard Carter had called the place "Crownlands." Not to please himself, or even his wife. But it was to his mother's newly born family pride that the idea of being the Carters of Crownlands made its appeal. The estate, when he bought it, had belonged to a Carter, and the tradition was that two hundred years before it had been a gift of the first George to the first of the name in America. Madame Carter, as the old lady liked to be called, immediately adopted the unknown owner into a vague cousinship, spoke of him as "a kinsman of ours," and proceeded to tell old friends that Crownlands had always been "in the family."

It was a home of creamy brick, colonial in design, and set in splendid lawns and great trees on the bank of the blue Hudson. White driveways circled it, great stables and garages across a curve of green meadows had their own invisible domains, and on the shifting highway there was a full mile of high brick fence, a marching line of great maples and sycamores, and a demure lodge beside the mighty iron gates.

On one of the wide benches that were placed here and there on the descending terraces, in the late hours of an exquisite summer afternoon, Isabelle Carter had seated herself, and Anthony Pope, her cavalier, had thrown himself on the steps at her feet.

She was a woman worthy of the exquisite setting, and might well have turned an older head than that of the boy beside her. Brunette, with smooth cheeks deeply touched with rose, black eyes, and a warily crimson mouth that could be at once provocative and repellent, she glowed like a flower in the sweet and enervating heat of the summer's first warm day. She was the finest of women, and the little foot, that, in its transparent silk stocking and buckled slipper, was close to Anthony's hand, was like a child's.

The man was twice her size, and as dark as she, earnest, eager, and today with a troubled expression clouding his face. It was to banish that look, she thought, that Isabelle had deliberately stopped him here.

She had been behaving badly toward him, and in her rather irresponsible and shallow way she was sorry for it. Isabelle was a famous flirt, her husband knew it, everyone knew it. There was always some man paying desperate court to her, and always half-a-dozen other men who were eager to be in his place. Isabelle lived for this, went from one adventure to another with the naive confidence of a woman whose husband smiles upon her playing, and whose position is impregnable.

But this boy, this Anthony, was different. In the first place he was young—but twenty-six. In the second place he was, or had been, her own son's closest friend. Ward Carter was twenty-two, and his mother nineteen years older.

Anthony was young, and he was absurd, but he did not know it, and Isabelle began to feel the difficulty of keeping this whole world from discovering it before he did. He made no secret of his passion. He came straight to her in any company; he never looked at anybody else. To her own daughter Nina, seventeen years old, his attitude was almost paternal; he looked at her as if their friendship had never been.

Isabelle saw that she had made a



Isabelle Was a Famous Flirt, Her Husband Knew It, Everyone Knew It.

mistake. She should have killed this affair at the very beginning. Tony was not like the older men, willing to play the game with just a little scorching of fingers. Appearances meant nothing to Tony, and she had let the play go too far now to convince him that she did not return something of his feeling.

She looked down at him now, content to be alone with her and at her feet, and a hundred mixed emotions stirred her. His feeling for her was not only pitiable and absurd in him, but it was rapidly reaching the point when it would make her absurd and pitiable, too. Nina, instinctively scenting the affair, had already expressed herself as "what that idiot!" Ward had scowled, of late, at the mere mention of Tony's name. Even her husband, the patient Richard, seeing the youth ensconce himself firmly beside her in the limousine, had had aside his mild comment: "Is this young man a fixture in our family, dear?"

"You should be playing tennis," Tony said Isabelle.

"Tennis? A look of distaste crossed Anthony's face.

"Please—Charlie!" he begged.

There was a silence brimming with sweetness and color. Tony laid his hand against her knee, groped until her own warm, smooth fingers were in his own.

"Does Mr. Carter play golf tomorrow?" he asked, presently.

"I suppose so."

"And you—what do you do?"

"Oh! I have a full day! People to lunch, friends of Madame Carter."

"The boy laughed triumphantly.

"I knew you'd say that!" he said.

"Now, I'll tell you about tomorrow. You and I are going to slip away, at about one o'clock, and go off in the gray car. We'll go up to—well, somewhere, and we'll have our lunch under the trees. We'll be back at about four, for the tea callers, and they may have you until I come back for dinner.

After dinner we'll walk on the terrace—as we did two wonderful, wonderful nights ago, and perhaps—"

His voice had fallen to a rich and tender note, his eyes were soft. "Perhaps," he said, "just before we go in, at the end of the terrace, you'll look up at the stars again."

"Tony!" Isabelle interrupted, her face brilliant with color. "My dear boy—my dear boy, think where this is going to end. In all reason—in all reason—"

"Isabelle, what in God's name has reason to do with it!" He knelt before her, and caught her hands, and Isabelle had a terrified fear that Ward, or Nina, or any one else, might start up or down the terrace steps and see him.

"The instant you realize what you and I are to each other, my darling," he said, "you begin to talk of reason. Love isn't reason, Charlie. It's the divinest unreason in the world! Charlie, there's never been another woman for me; there never will be! I can't live without you; I don't want to! You're frightened now, you don't know how we can manage it. But I'll find the way. The only thing that matters is that you must belong to me—you shall belong to me—as I to you in every fiber of my being."

"Tony—for Heaven's sake!" Isabelle was in an agony. Somebody was approaching. He had gotten to his feet, and was gloomily staring at the river, when Nina Carter, followed by a great white Russian hound, came flying down the steps.

"Mother!" Nina, a tall, overgrown girl, with spectacles on her straight nose, and straight, light-brown hair in thick braids, stopped short and gave her mother's companion a look of withering distaste. "Mother," she began again, "aren't you coming up for tea?"

"Ask Betty Allen to pour," said Mrs. Carter, regarding her composure rapidly, and assuming the air of hostess at once.

"Betty went home for a tub," Nina explained. "She's coming back. But, Mother," she added, with a faintly reproachful and whining intonation, "really, you ought to be there—"

Mrs. Carter knew this as well as Nina. But she found the child extremely trying in this puritanical mood. Granting that this affair with Tony did her, Isabelle, small credit, at least it was not for Nina to sit in judgment. Rebellious, Isabelle fondled the loving nose of the hound with a small, brown, jeweled hand, and glanced dubiously at Tony's uncompromising back.

"Trot back, Nina, love," said she to her daughter, cheerfully, "and ask Miss Harriet to come out and pour. I'll be there directly. We'll come right up. Run along!"

To Nina, in this ignominious dismissal, there was sweet. She adored "Miss Harriet," the Miss Field who had been her governess and her mother's secretary for the three happiest years of her life.

or Nina's somewhat scented young life. It would be "fun" to see Miss Field pour. Nina leaped obediently up the steps, with a sloping of thick braids and the scrape of sturdy shoes, and the sweet summer world was in silence again.

Isabelle sat on, stroking the hound, her soul filled with perplexity. Anthony's eloquent back gave her sudden understanding of his fury. "Ah, please, Tony," she pleaded, "what can I do?"

"Nothing," he answered, suddenly pliant. "Nothing, of course!" And he turned to her a boyish face stern with path. "Of course you can do nothing, Charlie. I'm not such a—such a fool!" his voice broke angrily.

"That I can't see that! Come on, well go up and have tea with the Bellamys. And I'll be going tonight. I'll say good-by to you now—and perhaps you'll be good enough to make my good-bys to the others—"

The youthfulness of it did not rob it of real dignity. Isabelle, wretchedly mounting the steps beside him, felt her heart contract with real pain. He would go away—it would all be over and forgotten in a few weeks—and yet, how she longed to comfort him, to make him happy again!

She looked obliquely at his set face, and what she saw there made her feel ashamed.

On the bright level of the upper terrace Tony was merrily in progress. Miss Field had duly come down to preside, and all was well. Isabelle, as she dropped into a chair, gave a sigh of relief; everyone was amused and absorbed and happy. Everyone, that is, except the magnificent and sharp-eyed old lady who sat, regally throned, near her, and favored her immediately with a disinterested look. Old Madame Carter had her own good reasons for being angry, and she never spared any one available from participation in her mood.

She was remarkably handsome, even at seventy-five; with a crown of puffed white hair, gold-rimmed eye-glasses, and an erect and finely preserved figure. Her voice was theatrically deep and clear, and her manner vigorous and impressive.

"Well, my dear, your friends were naturally wondering what important matter kept their hostess away from her guests," she began. Isabelle shrugged and smiled carelessly, with an indifferent glance at the group.

"Harriet is managing very nicely," she said, contentedly, as Tony, with a somber face and averted eyes, brought her his tea.

"So Ward seems to think," observed Ward's grandmother with acidity. Isabelle laughed indifferently. Her son, slender and tall, and with something of her own eagerness and fire in his sunburned young face, was beside Miss Field, who talked to him in a quiet aside while she busied herself with cups and spoons.

"Perfectly safe there!" Isabelle said.

"I should hope so!" old Madame Carter remarked, pointedly. "At least if there's any of our blood in his veins—but, of course, he's all Slocum. They used to say of my Aunt Georgina that she never married because the only man she ever loved was beneath her socially—"

Isabelle knew all about Aunt Georgina, and she looked wearily away. "The Bellamys are coming in for awhile," she observed, with deliberate irrelevance, "and I hope they'll bring their Swami—or whatever he is, with them. He must be a queer creature."

"He's not a Swami, he's an artist," Tony said, drawn into a casual conversation much against his will. "Blondin—I've met him. I can't bear him, he makes me sick!"

He relapsed into gloomy silence, and Isabelle put into her laugh something affectionate and soothing.

"He evidently lives by his wits," she suggested, "which is something you have never had to do!"

Tony scowled again. It was part of his charm for her that he was the spoiled darling of fortune. Handsome and young, and with no family ties to restrain him, he had recently come into his own enormous fortune. His manner with servants, his ready cheek with his easy French, and his unruffled self-confidence in any imaginable contingency, coupled with his youth, had strong attraction for a woman conscious of the financial restrictions of her own early years and the limitations of her public-school education.

"Why don't you go to the club and dress now, and come back and dine with us?" she said, in an undertone.

"Do you want me?" he asked, sulkily.

"I'm asking you!"

For answer he stood up, and smiled wistfully down upon her, with a hesitancy she knew well how to interpret in his eyes. He had been longing so thirstily for just that permission, and he had been yearning to give it! Happiness came back into both their hearts as he turned to go, and she gave him just a quick touch of a warm little hand in farewell.

Other guests had come in, and Miss Field was extremely busy, and Ward, helping her officially, was busy, too. "Run to have you down here!" he said, in her ear.

Harriet Field had an aside with a maid regarding hot water. Then she gave Ward an indulgent, an older-sisterly glance. He was in years almost twenty-two, but at twenty-seven the young woman felt him ages her junior. He was a joyous, irresponsible boy. And he and his mother's secretary had always been good friends since the day, four years ago now, when the silent, somewhat grave Harriet Field had first made her appearance in the family. The young people loved her; Richard Carter occasionally said to his wife, "Very clever—very pretty girl!" which was perhaps as close as he ever got to any domestic matter, and Isabelle confided to her almost all her duties and cares. Nina, insatiably curious, had gathered no more than that Miss Harriet's father had been a college professor of languages, and that her only relative was a married sister, Linda, much older, who had four children, and lived in New Jersey.

She was a master of the art of keeping silent, this young woman, and but for her beauty she might have been as inconspicuous as she sincerely tried to be. But her simple gown and her plainly massed hair only served to emphasize the extraordinary distinction of her appearance, and her utmost effort to obliterate herself could not quite keep her from notice. Old Mrs. Carter, who for reasons perfectly comprehensible in an old lady who had once been handsome herself, detested Harriet, and said to her daughters-in-law that in her opinion

there was something queer about the girl.

She was of that always-arresting type that combines a warm dusky skin with blue eyes and fair hair. The eyes, in her case, were a soft smoky blue, set in thick and lanky black lashes, and the hair was brassy gold, banded carelessly but trimly about her rather broad forehead. Her mouth was wide, deep crimson, thin-lipped; it was a mouth of secrets and of mystery, of character, a mouth that had known the trembling of pain and grief, perhaps, but a firm mouth now, and a beautiful one.

Looking at her, an artist would have fancied her bold and charming and boyish-looking little girl, fifteen years ago, with that Greek chin and that tawny mane; would have seen her sexless and splendid in her early teens, with a daint breast and an untamed eye. And a romancier might have wondered what paths had led her, in the superb realization of her beautiful womanhood, at twenty-seven, to this subordinate position in the home of a self-made rich man, and this conventional tea table on a terrace over the Hudson.

"Nearly half-past five, Nina," she said, presently. "Go and change and brush, that's a darling! You look rather tumbled."

"Nina, reaching for a mirror, obediently wandered away, and immediately the empty chair beside Harriet was taken by a newcomer, Richard Carter himself, the owner of all this smiling estate, who had come up from the little launch at the landing, had changed hastily into white flannels, Harriet saw at a glance, and had unexpectedly joined them for tea.

"Zen, Mr. Carter?" Harriet ventured.

He was watching his wife with a sort of idle interest. She had to repeat her invitation.

"If you please, Miss Field! Tea sounded right, somehow, to me today. It's been a terrible day!"

"I can imagine it!" Harriet's voice was pleasantly commonplace. But the moment his eye fell on her. This lean, tall, tired man, with his abstract manner, his perturbation of quietude, his nervous, clever hands, loomed in oddly heroic proportions in Harriet's life.

His face was keen and somewhat lined under a smooth crest of slightly graying hair; he smiled very rarely, but there was a certain kindness in his gray eyes, when Nina or Ward or his wife turned to him, that Harriet liked.

For Harriet he had hardly a dozen words a year. He merely smiled kindly when she thanked him for the Christmas gift that bore his untouching card; if she went to her sister for a day or two, he gave her only a nod of greeting when she came back. Now and then he asked with sharp interest about Nina's teeth or his mother's headache.

But Harriet had known other types of men, and for his very silences, for his indifference, she had begun to admire him long ago. She had not been born in this atmosphere of pleasure and ease and riches; she was not entirely unfitted to judge a man.

Isabelle was always breezily civil to her husband; he had long ago vanished as completely from among the vital elements of her life as if he were dead, perhaps more than if he were dead. She thought—if she thought about him at all—that he never saw her little affairs; she supposed him perfectly satisfied with his home and children and club and business, and incidentally with his beautiful figurehead of a wife. They had quarreled distressingly, several years ago, when he had bored her with references to her "duties," and her influence over Nina, and her obligations to her true self. But that had all stopped long since, and now Isabelle was free to sleep late, to dress at leisure, to make what engagements she pleased, to see the persons who interested her, to read or never interfere; never was there a more perfectly discreet and generous husband. Half the women Isabelle knew were attempting to live exactly as she did, to cultivate "silence," and drift about in an atmosphere of new gowns and adulation and orchids and softly lighted drawing rooms, and incessant playing with fire; it was the accepted thing, in Isabelle's circle, and that she was more successful in it than other women was not at all to her discredit.

### CHAPTER II.

Madame Carter, gathering her draperies about her, was one of the first to leave the terrace. Dressing for dinner was a slow and serious business for her. She gave Harriet a cold, appraising glance as she passed her; Richard Carter had risen to escort his mother, but she delayed him for a moment.

"Miss Nina gone in, Miss Field?"

Harriet, whose manner with all old persons was the essence of scrupulous formality, rose at once to her feet.

"Nina has gone to change her dress, Madame Carter."

"She took it upon herself to ask you to help us out this afternoon?" the old lady added, with the sort of gracious cruelty of which she was mistress. Richard Carter gave his daughter's companion a look that asked in

dundance.

"Harriet said nothing, and resumed her seat as the old lady rustled slowly away. "Who's coming?" she asked in an undertone, to Ward, as one more motor swept about the carriage drive.

"What is it, beautiful?" Ward laughed. Harriet's glorious eyes widened into smiling warning. His open and boyish admiration was a sort of joke between them. Yet in this week-end, as he craned his neck to get a glimpse of the approaching guests, a sudden thought was born in her

Honor had compelled her to a generous policy with Ward. She had held his admiration firmly in check; she had maintained a big-sister attitude that was as wholesome for herself as for him.

But here, she thought with sudden satisfaction, might be the realization of her own ambition, after all. Ward was but four years her junior, and Ward would be Richard Carter's heir.

"It's the Bellamys and their crowd," said Ward, watching the approach of newcomers. "Look at that man with them, that fellow with the hair—that's Blondin! That's the man I was telling you about the other night, the man whose name I couldn't remember!"

"Who?"

Harriet did not know whether she said it or screamed it. She lost all consciousness of her surroundings and her neighbors for a few terrible seconds; her mouth was dry, her throat ran like nausea through her entire body. The hand with which she touched the sugar tongs was icy cold, a pain split her forehead, and she felt suddenly tired and broken.

Ward had gone across to greet the Bellamys; Harriet fixed her eyes with a sort of fascination upon the man to whom she presently saw him talking. Almost everyone else in the group was looking at him, too; Royal Blondin was used to it; one of his favorite affectations was an apparent unconsciousness of being observed.

Well over six feet in height, he had dropped his leonine head, with its thick locks of dark hair, a little on one side; his mobile, thin lips were set, and his piercing eyes searched the boy's face with a sort of passionate attention.

Introductions were in order, everyone wanted to meet the Bellamys' friend, and Harriet saw that it pleased him, for some inscrutable reason, to continue his ridiculous conversation with the flattered Ward, and to accept names and greetings absently, in an aside, as it were, smiling perfunctorily and briefly at the eager girls and women, and returning immediately to his concerned and passionate undertones with the boy.

It was Isabelle who brought him to the tea table. Harriet had felt, with a sure premonition of disaster, that it must be. She might not escape; there was nothing for it but courage now. Her breath was behaving badly, and the muscles contracted in her throat, but she managed a smile.

"And this is Miss Field, Mr. Blondin," said Isabelle. "She will give you some tea."

"Miss Field," said Royal Blondin, and his dark hand came across the



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This tone donned the words; Harriet knew what she was expected to do. "I'll be delighted to help," she said, listlessly. "A lot of women and children," she reflected, "and nobody drinking tea anyway, this weather!"

Nina was duly dressed for the tea party the next day, and went to show herself to her mother while Harriet dressed. The young girl looked her best in flax white with its severely plain ruffles, and with a wide white hat on her thick, smoothly dressed hair. Miss Field, too, although she was very pale today, looked "simply gorgeous," as Isabelle expressed it, when she saw them off in the car, although Harriet's gown was not new, and the little flowered hat she had crushed down upon her splendid hair had been Isabelle's own a season ago. Harriet was in no holiday mood; she felt herself in a false position; this was to be one of the times when she paid high for all the beauty and luxury of her life.

"Here we are!" Nina gave a startled glance at the lawns and gardens of the Jay mansion already dotted with awnings and chairs, and sprinkled with the bright gowns of the first arrivals. They were early, and their hostess, a handsome, heavily built woman with corsets like armorplate under her exquisite gown, and a blonde bang covering her forehead, came forward with her daughter to meet them. Francesca was as slight as a willow, with a demurely dropped little head and a honeyed little self-possession manner.

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the service end of the house, to peep at Nina, who was reading in bed, and to go on to Isabelle's room. If Mrs. Carter was alone, she liked to see Harriet then, to be sure of any last message, or to discuss any domestic plan.

Harriet found her, exquisite in twinkling black garters, before her mirror. Isabelle's hair was dressed in dark and shining waves and scallops, netted invisibly, set with brilliant pins. There was not an inch of her whole beautiful little person that would not have survived a critical inspection.

Her skin, her white throat, her arms and hands and fingernails, her waist and ankles and her pretty feet, were all absolute perfection. The illusion that veiled her slender arms stood at crisp angles; the silk stockings showed a warm skin tint through their thinness; her lower eyelids had been skillfully darkened, her cheeks delicately rouged, and her lips touched with carmine; her brows had been clipped and trained and penciled, her lashes brushed with liquid dye, and what fragrant powders and perfumes could add, had been added in generous measure. She wore diamonds on her fingers, in her ears, and about her throat, and her gown was held at her full smooth breast by a platinum bar that bore a double line of magnificent stones. Harriet always thought her handsome; tonight she had to admit that her employer was "truly beautiful."

"Mrs. Carter was in a pleasant mood; she had a good disposition, and there was nothing in her life now to ruffle it. She mused happily, her lips twitching with some amusing memory. Then she became businesslike. "Harriet, do you go to the city this week?"

"Nina and the girls are to see Ruth St. Denis on Friday," Harriet said. "I thought Madame Carter would take them, but now she says no. But if Nina stays with her grandmother overnight, I thought I would like to see my sister; she hasn't been very well. That can wait, of course. Miss Jay's tea party is tomorrow; that's Thursday."

"And that reminds me that Louise Jay telephoned today, and asked me if you would take charge of the tea table," Isabelle said, with a shrewd glance.

Harriet hesitated, and the color crept into her smooth cheeks. "One



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